

ABSTRACT

A method of backing up files includes storing a plurality of files on a local device, transmitting a list of the files to a backup/restoration service, identifying an ownership property associated with each of the files, and selectively restoring at least one of the files associated with an appropriate status of the ownership property. A system includes a storage medium configured to store a plurality of files, a communications link connected to the storage medium for transmitting a list of the files to a remote location, and a file server located at the remote location. The file server is connected to the communications link and operable to receive and store the list of files in response to a restoration request for selectively restoring files associated with an appropriate status of an ownership property associated with the files.